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This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. The attached documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are being submitted to be placed in the file for the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

The two presently submitted references, Cite Nos. O1 and O2 as listed on Form PTO/SB/08, are not in English. These references were cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart Japanese application.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of these presently submitted Japanese-language references, an English translation of the Japanese Patent Office communication in its entirety is submitted herewith. The JPO communication was in Japanese Pat. App. No. 2003-032473, the foreign patent application on the basis of

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